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OUIET FIRST DAY OF THE NEW YEAR IN CAPITAL CITY

Washington Residents Exhibit Spirit Befitting Seriousness of the Times.

SERVICE STARS ON FLAGS FEATURE OF DECORATIONS

Absence of Hilarity Conspicuous. Programs in Churches-Local Organizations Keep Open House.

Quietly and in a spirit befitting the ess of the times, Washington is observing its first New Year day since the nation became an actual belligerent and combatant in the world war.

Little of the levity that has marked New Year observance in the past is to be noted anywhere in the city, or, in land. Bather the spirit of the day is people and victory for our cause." one of sober and solemn thoughtfulness, tempered with optimism that is an in eradicable part of the American nature. "No time for empty laughter, careless travagance and thoughtless joilification, but still less a time for gloom, edness and discouragement ight well express what appears to be

most of the clubs of the city open e is being kept, and streams of rs are passing through rooms decol with greenery. The Stars and the flags of the allied namake up the greater part of the rative scheme everywhere, however, service flags with one or more stars, ell as Red Cross emblems displaythe tiny crimson crosses indicating bership are conspicuous decorations. headquarters of the National Wombuffrage Association, in Rhode Is-Association, in Rhode Is-open house was kept dur-Several thousand callers by the score or more of

at the corner of 19th and I

oen in the assembly hall of the cen-al Y. M. C. A. building, when con-stants representing the different de-ation and dramatic societies of the try competed for a prize of \$10 in war avings stamps offered by James Sharp.

chairman of the boys
and others.

At 8 o'clock this evening a concert is
to be given in the assembly ball of the
central Y. M. C. A., tickets of admission to which may be obtained on application at the office.

Services at Churches and Missions.

New Year day services were held at practically all of the churches of the city and at the quarters of the various charitable organisations and missions. New Year dinners were served at the Gospel Mission, the Central Union Mission, the Salvation Army, the Volunteers of America and other similar organizations.

to be need from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. today at 1812 9th street northwest, the host being Capt. John E. Smith, grand master of Masons, colored, of this jurisdiction. Capt. Smith is to be assisted by representatives of the various colored Masonic organizations of the District.

Of the 'Safe and Sane" Variety.

Washington has long been accustomed to 4th of July celebrations of the safe and sane variety. Last night, however, the National Capital observed its first New Year eve under such conditions, and the occasion did not appear to be an especially enjoyable one.

The "nothing doing" sign might as well have been displayed over the entire city. The usual New Year eve crowd on the Avenue was notable only by reason of its absence. The hotels had no throngs of merry revelers. Feather tickelers, tin horns and confettl were not in evidence. Voices were not raised in gladsome carols.

There were no bright lights—at least not any more than are to be seen on any other night. In short, the evening was notable for the things that were lacking; nothing was left of the occasion but "regretful memories" of other New Year eves.

One of the downtown hotels displayed electric signs expressing the wish that its patrons and friends might enjoy a happy New Year. At one or two others late diners danced, and there were a few mumbed shrieks and half-hearted siggles when the lights winked out for a moment at midnight.

No Hilarity in This Cafe.

At a famous Avenue cafe, however, where other New Year eves have been celebrated with revelry, song and hilarity, and where aforetime Bacchus and Terpsichore have reigned until the first sun of the New Year peeped above the horison, a subdued and cloistered caim prevailed.

At midnight a few whistles tooted and a few bells rang out on the frosty air. Little groups in hotels and clubs passed the compliments of the season. Watch parties at many of the churches broke up with the singing of hymns and such ington's first dry celebration of New Year eve, as well as its first observation of the night under actual war conditions, passed into history.

Japan in Australian Piano Trade. MELBOURNE, December 10 (by

VICTORY PROMISED BY LLOYD GEORGE

Admonishes British People to One Big Task It Faces Is to **Practice Economy and Save** Money to Aid.

MESSAGE TO MR. WILSON TAX LAWS OUT OF WAY

nation, appeals to all at home to do their gether, especially by practicing economy and saving money to lend to the government. His message concludes:

"To every civilian I would say that your firing line is at the works or office in which you do your bit; the shop or kitchen in which you spend or save: your war bonds. To reach that firing line and to become an active combatant yourself there are no communication trenches to grope along, no barrage to face, no horrors, no wounds.

"The road of duty and patriotism is clear before you. Follow it and it will fact, in the length and breadth of the lead ere long to safety for our own

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"At this season I wish in behalf of the British war cabinet to send to your government and people a message of good will. Every day that passes makes us realize more clearly that the hopes of the human race center upon the triumph of our cause.

"Every day proves to us that our friendship for one another is becoming more and more the cement of that league of free nations which now stands as the guardian of justice and liberty throughout the world.

"We wish in particular to send ssage of thanks to the United States

IMMEDIATE RELIEF OF FREIGHT JAM PROMISED

General McAdoo, Issues Order

On Local Conditions.

which has been choking Washington yards, and holding many cars outside the city waiting for cars in yards to be unloaded is promised by an order addressed to all eastern railroads by Alfred H. Smith, assistant to Director General McAdoo.

This order gives railroads power place embargoes on shipments to all promptly. In addition to this a share promptly. In addition to this a sharp jump in demurrage rates is contemplated by way of further pressure to compel consignees to get their shipments away from the yards.

These two measures, it was believed today, will render unnecessary the appointment of a freight director for the District, as urged while the roads were under private control.

Applies Also to U. S. Contractors.

Shipments to contractors for govern nent work will be dealt with in th same drastic way as those to private consignees, it was stated today. If these contractors do not get material consigned to them unleaded promptly they will face a cessation of these ship-ments, which it will be thus indicated they do not need at once, and, moreover, they will have to deal with the govern-ment inspectors supervising their work, who will co-operate in seeing that men with government contracts do not waste cars and track space by tardy unloading.

unloading.
It is expected that the order relating of congestion within a few days, only in Washington, but all over country. A further relief is afforder the waiving of preference. the waiving of preference rights to "blue tag" shipments, which are not to be taken care of at the expense of coal, food, perishables and essential freight.

KING FERDINAND OPENS **RUMANIAN PARLIAMENT**

In Address Speaks Hopefully of Prospect of Justice and Liberty Among Nations

JASSY, Rumania, Friday, December 28.—The Rumanian parliament was

"However painful may be the sacrifices that we may still have to make in order to realize our legitimate aspirations," said the king, "we have the deep conviction that they will be compensated on the decisive day when

trade and is exporting an upright plane to Australia at a price of £27. which is said to compare favorably with a cheap instrument which the Germans sold at £16 before the war. Five hundred Japanese planes have already been sent to Australia.

HOME AFFAIRS TO **OCCUPY CONGRESS**

Release the Resources of Nation.

LONDON, January 1 .- Premier Lloyd find itself able to devote more attention seorge, in his New Year message to the to purely domestic affairs than in the past twelve months, in the view of thoughtful men at the Capitol. Utilizaemocracies of the world are leagued to- tion of conserved natural resources is one branch, for example. To unlock.the scaled-up resources and apply them to use under public control, but private direction, will be the object.

Temporary cessation of along other lines will make this possible. It is generally assumed that no general further tax legislation will be essayed at this session. The new tax law on the books has yet to be tried out, as to efficiency of workability and adequacy as a revenue raiser. If more money is needed in an emergency, the Secretary of the Treasury has authority for further sale of bonds and Treasury cer-

The "railroad question," to use a com Messages to All Allies.

Messages from the British prime minister have been sent to all the allies except Russia, but including Greece. All express the good wishes of the British war cabinet to the governments and peoples addressed. To President Wilson Mr. Llord Geent To President Greek and President Wilson Mr. Llord County To President Wilson Mr. Llord County To President Greek and President Wilson Mr. Llord County To President Greek and President Wilson Mr. Llord County To President Greek and Greek

Investigation Fell Flat.

Ambitious schemes for widespread "investigation" of the railroad situation and how dear to its heart has Con-—and how dear to its heart has Congress held inquiries in the past, inquiries into finance, tariff, railroads, labor and all that sort of thing, fall flat. There is no occasion for further railroad inquiry at present. The proof of the pudding is to be in the eating and the President has set a rare dish before the country in his taking over direction of the roads under a central authority.

authority.

Even the Interstate Commerce Commission must, for the first time in its existence, play second fiddle. The suggestions of the commission in its recent reports to Congress for inquiry into possible government ownership nestled quietly in pigeonholes, while actual governmental direction, though not ownership in the last analysis, is on trial and in effect at the hour.

There is nothing doing in the tariff line at all. For that matter, Congress

ing to do but draw salaries. And they are "powerful regular." as the late Private John Allen of Mississippi used to vate John Allen of Mississippi used to say, even if not princely.

Of financial problems, there are none, so far as legislative action is concerned. The dollar is sound and the only question is to get enough of them, a question not now up to Congress. Silver is actually worth more in the market than William J. Bryan's fondest promises of 1896 ever held out.

Prohibition is out of the way of Congress and no longer will the Congressional Record be burdened with the daily list of petitions, while the solons themselves will be spared further cor-

rviews with temperance thusiasts. The woman suffrage ques-tion bids fair soon to spread its wings from the dome and his away to the states, in the wake of the prohibition constitutional amendment. Conservation questions have been neglected in the past two years by Congress. Following the great tumult of the Taft-Ballinger-Pinchot affair.

of the trat-Ballinger-Pinchot affair, which at the time was the absorbing topic of the day for months, Congress held action in abeyance. The nation's natural resources were being conserved all right, too much so in the opinion of one element, and quite properly so in the view of another.

Necessity of Action. The necessities created by war's

nergency have drawn attention to the ressity of action. The coal pinch has rved to accentuate the wisdom of served to accentuate the wisdom of utilizing water courses to generate power. Oil and gas lands are closed with the government's seal, as imperious as Caesar's. People are clamoring to open them, but watchful and jealous eyes are fixed upon the manner of their utilization. of their utilization.

A section of the public is determined that in the general demand for utilizathat in the general demand for utilization there shall be no slackening of wise provisions for retention of ownership in the people and direction of their use under absolute government control, subject to lease and royalty the title never to be alienated from the nation. Agitation of the use of water courses is expected to be accompanied with increased interest in the utilization of the streams for commerce. The railroads are inadequate to carry the freight. The streams are there, it is land waterway transportation. In the ast the railroads have been accused hampering expansion of water traff rough fear of lowering freight rates

portation is expected to engage the at-tention of this Congress. UNIFORMS COMMANDEERED

Atlanta Stores Called Upon to Supply Army Deficiency.

ATLANTA, January 1 .- All uniforms on hand in Atlanta stores that could e used by privates were commandeered esterday by officers from Camp Gor-

The officers stated there was no shortage of overcoats at the camp, but that there was an inadequate supply of other clothing which was causing suffering among a small percentage of the troops, and that it had been found necessary to relieve this situation without taking the time for securing the uniforms through regular channels.

AVIATORS FALL TO DEATH.

opened today with an address by King Two Victims in Second Fatality at San Antonio, Tex. SAN ANTONIO, Tex., January 1.-The

econd fatal accident since the establishment of Kelly Field at San Antonic occurred yesterday, when H. R. Gladback of Fort Wayne, Ind., civilian instructor, and Cadet R. A. Seguin of Rouses Point, Oswego county, New York, were killed in a fall of from 300 to 500 feet. In diving the machine made a side slip, crashing to earth out

of control. Both men were unconscious when found.

The first fatal accident on the field occurred several weeks ago, when Lieut. Sidney Brooks was killed just as he was finishing a fifty-mile flight.



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FRENCH SCORE BIG SUCCESS IN ITALY

1,348 Prisoners and Many Guns Seized in Drive in Monte Tomba Region.

FIGHT SHORT AND SHARP

HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN ITALY, Monday, Decem ber 31.-The magnitude of the achievement of the French troops on the Monte Tomba region grows as full de tails are received. In addition to 1,348 men, including forty-four Austrian officers, several of high rank, made prisoner, and seven large guns captured the booty includes sixty machine guns several trench quick firers and a great amount of miscellaneous war material But the chief significance of the stroke is the change from defensive to offensive tactics, and the stirring er thusiasm and sureness with which the French delivered their initial blow against the enemy lines. Thus far the ques- the Italians delivering telling

French Turn the Scale.

Now, however, the French have turned the scale, and the enemy is being attacked in this sector for the first time since he reached the Piave.

The story of the fight shows thoroughness of preparations and heroic bravery in execution. The scene was southeast of Monie Tomba, a low, snowless mountain just west of the Piave, where the allied lines turn into the mountain region. Here the artillery preparations began Saturday, but the main bombardment began at noon Sunday and increased hourly until the enemy was deluged by the French fire. It was then that the crack French infantry swung forward in steady lines from Osteria di Monfenera and Maranzine, a front of about two miles. The heaviest forces were on the right wing. Italian and British airmen at the same time attacked the enemy from the air. tacked in this sector for the first time

Enemy Positions Damaged. The struggle was comparatively short nd sharp, with most of the fighting on and sharp, with most of the fighting on the right wing. The artillery had so dam-aged the enemy positions that he was unable to make any effective resistance.

significant.

Austrian soldiers made up the entire enemy force engaged, which is taken to indicate that the German contingents are being moved further west toward the Brenta river. It also has been established that no forces are being moved away from this front and that no new forces being brought here.

More Open Cities Bombed.

facade of the cathedral was blown own and the basilica of the Sante and taken. the municipal museum were considerably damaged.
"Our machines during the night hom

barded very effectively the enemy's aviation camps at Aviano and La Comina, which they found lighted up awaiting the return of their machines. In the night seaplane squadrons hom-barded, respectively, with excellent results enemy airdromes between Godego and S. Fior and enemy encampments i

New Positions Established.

"Yesterday in the Monte Tombe see tor, after careful artillery preparation, intensified early in the afternoon, the French troops, with magnificent elan, French troops, with magnificent elan, stormed enemy positions between Osteria di Honfenera and Maranzine. Having overcome the stubborn resistance of the enemy, our valiant allies established themselves firmly in the positions gained.

"They captured 44 officers and 1,348 men, 60 machine guns, 7 cannon, several rapid-firing trench guns and a large quantity of other war material. British and Italian batteries and airmen co-operated effectively."

Pig Brings \$2,100 for Red Cross. LONDON, December 16 (by mail) .-"irpits," the pet pig of the Germa cruiser Dresden, rescued by men of he British cruiser Glasgow, has be the British cruiser Glasgow, has been petroleum specialist; M. Zaharian sold for \$2,100 for the benefit of the head of the Rumanian railway service Red Cross.

CONFLAGRATION IN NORFOLK IS FEARED; IN FIRST 1918 FIRES **GUARDS CALLED OUT**

Fire Spreads From Monticello Hotel, Wrecked Early in Day. Incendiarism Suspected.

IN DICKSON BUILDING, ON GRANBY STREET, AFLAME

> Mayor Takes Action to Prevent the Spread of Flames Marines Are Summoned.

NORFOLK, Va., January 1.-Fire broke out this afternoon in the block on Granby street, opposite Monticello Hotel. A conenemy has been on the offensive, with flagration looked possible. Three buildings already are doomed. The mayor ordered out the Home Guard and 200 marines have been sent from the navy yard to guard wharves and other property. Fire is thought to be incendiary.

Home Guard Called Out.

Fire has crossed the street from the Monticello Hotel and has already destroyed two big stores. The entire block opposite the hotel appears doomed.

To protect the water front and other property Mayor Mayo this afternoon called out the Home Guard of Norfolk. There are approximately 600 members of the two battalions and they will respond in uniform and with arms.

More than 200 marines have

ROME. December 31.—"The enemy becomes more bitter in the bombardment of open cities," says an official report. "Last night his airmen returned for the third time over Padua, dropping between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. several scores of bombs. Fortunately, owing to arrangements by the authorities, the casualties were only five wounded, including one woman.

"The rich and artistic patrimony of the city, instead, suffered severely. The facade of the cathedral was blown

All of the apparatus that could be spared from the navy yard has been sent over, as has some of the apparatus from the Portsmouth fire department.

Dickson Building Burning.

The Dickson building seven stories, opposite the burning block on Granby street, is now burning.

RUMANIAN MINISTER ARRIVES.

Reaches America on French Steam ship-Heads Special War Mission. AN ATLANTIC PORT, January 1 .-Dr. Constantin Angelesco, who was recently appointed minister from Rumania to the United States, the first official representative of his country to America, arrived here today on a steamship. Dr. Angelesco is also at the head of a special Rumanian

NOTED HOTEL BURNS Monticello at Norfolk Wrecked

by Flames, But Guests **Escaped Unharmed.**

OTHER CITIES VICTIMS

NORFOLK, Va., January 1.-Fire

aused by sparks falling on the roof three stores half a block away almost completely wrecked the Monticello Hotel this morning. All of the upper part s ewept away, including the magnificent dining room on the

badly damaged by water. More than 350 guests in the hotel a he time were forced to flee. All es

the time were forced to fiee. All escaped injury.

The rooms of the board of trade, the Y. W. C. A. and many private homes have been thrown open to the guests who are without shelter, and it is believed that all will be provided for.

The fire was discovered this morning about 7 o'clock in the roof of the kitchen on the sixth floor. The alarm was sent in and all of the apparatus in the eity responded. In the intense cold

U. S. Boys Aid Firemen.

Enlisted men, both sailors and soldiers, assisted the firemen in fighting the flames, which quickly spread from one end of the building to the other. When the roof of the kitchen fell in it caught two firemen, both of whom were badly burned and otherwise injured.

They were hurried to the St. Vincent's Hospital.

The fire was the result, it is believed, of another fire that started at 4 o'clock and destroyed three stores on Granby street, about half a block from the Monticello. It is thought that a spark blew from the first fire to the roof of the hotel over the kitchen, where the blaze was first seen. The flames soon reached the elevator shaft and with the draft from that opening were quickly swept to other parts of the hotel.

Fall Asleep Watching Fire.

Many of the guests of the hotel had More than 200 marines have been sent from the navy yard at the request of Maj. Kizer of the police department, and will assist the local policemen in patrolling the streets and water front.

It is become so evident that the several fires of today were of incendiary origin that Maj. Kizer of the guests of the bast known hotels in the entire south. It has entertained some of the most prominent people in the country. It was built in 1898 for the Monticello Realty Corporation and was valued at more than \$1,000,000. For eight or nine years it has been operated by a company headed by Col. C. H. Consolvo.

Fire In Toledo. TOLEDO, Ohio, January 1 .- Fire in

attempted to arouse the sleepers, received serious injuries.

The families had held a New Year eve party. The children, who had been sent to bed upstairs, were joined by Mrs. Schmidt, who complained of feeling ill. When the blaze was discovered Schmidt rushed to his wife's rescue. Seizing her and Agnes Meinen, he started to fight his way downstairs through the fire. At a window he was overcome by smoke. Dropping the

Cincinnati Building Ablaze.

CINCINNATI, January 1 .- Fire early CINCINNATI. January I.—Fire early this morning did damage to the extent of \$125,000 to the building and occupants at 114-116 West 6th street. The building was occupied by Phillips & Richter, wholesale jewelers; Sarran & Sauer, manufacturing jewelers, and the natural gas supply company. Several large business houses in the vicinity were threatened.

were threatened.

CATSKILL, N. Y., January 1.—Sipuildings in the business center were destroyed by fire today with a loss estimated at between \$75,000 and \$85,000.

The flames started in the Nelida Thea. for, at the conclusion of a New Yea dance. It burned the structure contain ing the post office and communicated to the Union Knitting Mills, which hav government contracts for manufactur-ing sweaters for soldiers, and the fire

BOLSHEVIKI BEATEN | EASTERN ROADS GO IN GREAT BATTLE

ONE CENT

Cossacks, Who Co-Operate With Ukrainians, Are in Hot Pursuit of Radical Forces.

ALLIES MAY STATE AIMS

STOCKHOLM, December 31.-Ukrainian and Cossack forces, in a great battle on the southwestern front, have defeated bolshevik troops, taking four hundred prisoners and capturing eight big guns and 328 machine guns, according to a dispatch received by the Dagens Nyheter, from Petrograd by way of Haparanda. The Cossacks are in hot pursuit of the bolsheviki.

Allies Exchanging Views.

LONDON, January 1.-The British rovernment recognizes that the Brest-Litovsk peace proposals constitute a grave and a new fact of which official cognizance must be taken, says the Daily Chronicle in reporting, as did the Manchester Guardian yesterday, that the British government intends to return a serious and reasonable reply to the Austro-German peace terms when presented officially. The Chronicle adds that the United States, Great Britain, France and Italy already are exchanging views concerning the peace proposals. The reported visit of Premier Lloyd George to Premier Clemenceau, it declares, is an intelligent anticipation which may or may not be realized. Litovsk peace proposals constitute

Sees Enslavement of Russia.

The Petrograd correspondent of the a separate peace is realized in England He says it would be a defeat for German emocracy in addition to insuring the

democracy in addition to insuring the virtual enslavement of Russia, as it would be a victory for the military caste in Germany.

"It may mean," he adds, "much more than Russia's neutrality. If we make no move, it seems possible that the Germans will ask the Russians to help them in enforcing Russian peace terms on the entente allies. Trotzky is well aware of the danger, though faced with the necessity of concluding peace, and is doing his utmost to stimulate a revolution in Germany. Fraternization at the front already has passed beyond control of enemy officers and enormous quantities of revolutionary newspapers printed in German are being distributed.

"I am convinced our only chance in defeating German designs is to publish terms as near the Russian terms as possible and by taking a powerful hand in the proposed conference, help the democratic movement in Germany while helping the Russians to force the German government in the direction it has to take

Firther Leavening of Ministry.

The Petrograd correspondent of the Times, who is visiting in London, coninues his anti-bolshevik statements He says it is not unlikely that day. He says it is not unlikely that the Germans, who are now reckoning upon the great advantages they expect from the Russian revolution, will suffer a grievous disappointment provided the friends of the Russian nation offer it a helping hand. He implies that the Russian people will not continue to submit to German exploitation through bolshevik "adventurers," if a closer union is established between Russia and the entente allies.

Germans to Raise Blockade.

The German naval delegation at The German naval delegation at Petrograd, according to the correspondent of the Daily Mail in the Russian capital, has reached an agreement with the bolshevik government for raising the "blockade" of the White sea and for the regulation of maritime commerce, which is expected to begin with the impending arrival at Reval of ships with goods from Germany. A dispatch to the Daily Express from Petrograd says that German ships already have says that German ships already have ree access to Russian waters, and the free access to Russian waters, and the government is taking precautions to protect them from British submarines. The first commercial squadron is expected before the Russian Christmas, or January 7.

Special dispatches from Petrograd refer again to the subject of food shortage, which, according to the correspondent of the Dally Mall, is steadily becoming more critical. The corre-

TOLEDO, Ohio, January 1.—Fire in a two-story apartment house here early this morning, caused when a lighted candle fell from a Christmas tree, trapped three sleepers, who were burned to death before firemen could reach them. The dead are: Mrs. Felix Schmidt, twenty-three; William Meinan, eight, and Agnes Meinan, ten.

Felix Schmidt, husband of the dead woman, and Mr. and Mrs. William Meinen. parents of the children, who attempted to arouse the sleepers, received serious injuries.

The families had held a New Year eve party. The children, who had been sent to bed upstairs, were joined by Mrs. Schmidt, who complained of feel-ing ill. When the bloze were party when the bloze were constant to the peace negotimes in the foreign affairs committee of the bundes and the main committee will meet Thursday. To both committees, Dr. von Kuehlmann, the foreign secretary, will present his report on the peace negotime in Parley.

Berlin newspaper reports received in Amsterdam say that Foreign Secretary von Kuehlmann while coming to Berlin from Erest-Litovsk, stopped at Warsaw to confer with the Polish premier. The Polish government, it is said, will share in the future negotiations at Brest-Litovsk in an advisory capacity. The foreign affairs committee of the bundes at the first provided the second of the second present his report on the peace nego-tiations at Brest-Litovsk.

Bolshevik Government

Efficient, Ruling With

Iron Hand, Says Writer

LONDON, January 1.—The bolshevik government is extremely efficient, energetic and decisive, though faced by noisy opposition from the privileged classes, who are doing all they can to the check it by sabotage and libel, according to the Petrograd correspondent of the Dally News. The correspondent, who has just returned to Petrograd

System, which we do moment of suppresse effort."

Mr. McAdoo's reply stated that he believed them correct in this view, and therefore four members, Fairfax Happreson, Howard Elliott, Samuel Rea and J. Kruttschnitt will return to their respective roads, while Mr. Holden will read they have built up. This organization they have built up. This organi who has just returned to Petrograd after a lengthy visit in England, says that the city is more orderly than for some months before the bolsheviki took control.

VIGOROUSLY INTO FREIGHT PROBLEM

Special Effort Directed to Freer Movement of Coal and Food.

DRASTIC STEPS TAKEN TO RELIEVE CONGESTION

War Board Dissolved and Temporary Advisory Cabinet Appointed by Director General McAdoo.

NEW ADVISORY BOARD.

William G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, has named the following advisory beard, pending the formation of his permanent organization, to assist in the administration of American

John Skelton Williams, con-troller of the currency. Hale Holden, president of the

Henry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast line. Edward Chambers, traffic di Walker D. Hines, assistant to Mr. Holden also is empowered

o assume direction of the exist-

ing committees and subcommit-

tees of the railroads war board.

dissolved upon the appointment of the advisory board named

ously today to clear freight cone Special effort was directed to fro movement of coal. The railroads acted on sw ders issued by Director General M traffic situation. One measure was the diversion of export freight to ports

about this task

John Skelton Williams, controller of the currency; Harry Walters, chairman of the board of the Atlantic Coast line: Edward Chambers, traffic manager of the food administration; Walker D. Hines, assistant to the director, and

Bush Terminals Requisitioned Also there came from the War Department the announcement that the Bush terminals, in New York, had been requisitioned for use of the Army by Maj. Gen. Goethals, acting quartermas-

With the dissolution of the railros war board also goes out of existence the committee of operating executives in Pittsburgh, headed by A. W. Thomp-

son, formed to relieve congestion in the east. Its machinery and functions; will be taken over, in part, by Alfred. H. Smith, assistant to the director genteral, whose headquarters will be in New York.

Aside from these actual steps to straighten out traffic and relieve the coal famine, particularly acute in New England, interest centered about proposed legislation embodying the President's recommendations for reimburaing the railroads.

The legislation providing compensation on a basis of pre-war earning. completed by the President's legal avisers was discussed yesterday by the President with Representative Sime, chairman of the House interstate commerce committee, who will introduce it. Thursday soon after the President delivers his address. In the Senate it will be introduced by the new chairman,

To Discuss Wage Increae.

Increased wages for railroad em-ployes, pending in demand made on the railroads recently by the four brother-hoods, probably will be discussed at conference set for Thursday between:
Director McAdoo and the brotherhood
chiefs.
In their letter to Mr. McAdoo asking,
that they be relieved of their self-appointed task as members of the railroads' war board, the five members
called attention to the fact that each
"now has a large individual responsibility for units of the transportation
system, which we believe demands our
closer attention at this moment of supreme effort."